



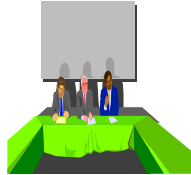
CCFAC NEWS

SPRING 2002

A Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) publication prepared periodically to inform the public of the programs and activities of Fairfax County's **Consolidated Plan** which includes the Consolidated Community Funding Pool process.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The CCFAC appreciates the community's response to the Board of Supervisors' public hearing on February 11, 2002 concerning the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2003. The record remained open for written comments through February 15, 2002.



Comments were received from community members as well as representatives from boards, authorities and commissions in the County. Some concerns raised included the accessibility of affordable housing, housing needs for victims of domestic violence, housing needs of an aging population and that social service needs have increased since the September 11, 2001 tragedy. These concerns are being coordinated with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

In addition to the use of federal funds under the Consolidated Plan, the hearing was also an opportunity for citizens to comment on housing, community development, and community service needs and fair housing issues in Fairfax County.

With regard to the FY 2003 Funding for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), the CCFAC is pleased that the County Executive has recommended a 6% increase. This recommendation reflects the County's recognition of the significance of services funded through the CCFP, and the benefit of those services to the residents of Fairfax County. Given the financial considerations currently before the Board of Supervisors, we are fortunate to reside in a County that recognizes the value of the CCFP to the community.

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Magnet Housing

Magnet housing is moving forward with the identification of a site in the central Fairfax area. The magnet housing concept underlines the link between affordable housing and jobs. It's a creative approach that will attract capable, interested individuals to a living/learning/working environment. This initiative is partly funded under the County's FY 2002 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan. A conceptual plan has been developed and an environmental study is underway.

E-ffordable. Fairfax

The **e-ffordable.Fairfax** web site www.e-ffordable.org has been available for viewing since April 2001. Between July 6 and Nov. 13, there have been more than 1,000 visitors to the site. **e-ffordable.Fairfax** is a year-long strategy to address the affordable housing issues faced by those living and working in Fairfax County.

Funding Opportunities for Non-Profits

Starting with this issue, each CCFAC News publication will highlight funding opportunities and resources available to non-profit organizations around housing, homelessness, community development, job training and employment, and other community services issues. The articles will highlight prospective funders, grant opportunities, and important Web sites. If you have any questions, please contact Elisa Johnson, Grants Coordinator at the Department of Housing and Community Development, at elisa.johnson@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-279-7302.

CCFAC Issues Report on CCFP Administration

The CCFAC completed a year and a half-long effort in reviewing the funding practices, procedures for administration of contract policies and requirements, the award selection process, and the reporting requirements for funds awarded under the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). Recommendations obtained from this review have been incorporated by

County staff in the latest funding process for FY 2003-2004 and are contained in a report sent to members of the nonprofit human services community. The CCFAC welcomes any comments on the report and thanks all who contributed to this effort. For a copy of the report, go to the CCFP web site at www.co.fairfax.va.us/service/ccfp or contact Margaret Holmes at Human Services Administration, 703-324-7814, TTY: 703-324-5628.

Check Them Out: Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta (FHLBA) works with member financial institutions to provide affordable housing, build communities, and promote community economic development. Working with financial institutions in Fairfax County, non-profits may access subsidized funding, downpayment assistance and technical expertise through FHLBA. For example, FHLBA's first-time homebuyer program provides matching downpayment and closing cost funds for qualifying homebuyer programs developed by member financial institutions on a homebuyer-by-homebuyer, first-come, first-served basis. For more information on FHLBA's programs, visit FHLBA's web site: <http://www.fhlbatl.com>.

Upcoming Grant Opportunity: Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, is requesting applications for the Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program. A major goal of the projects to be funded is to create new employment opportunities for welfare recipients and other low-income individuals, which can lead to self-sufficiency. There is \$4,750,000 available for grants this year, with a maximum request of \$700,000, over a three-year period. Proposals are due on April 22, 2002. For more information, visit web site: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/joli01.htm>.

*The CCFAC is supported by an interagency team from the Department of Administration for Human Services, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services. For additional information about this publication or the **Consolidated Plan**, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at (703) 246-5170, TTY:(803) 385-3578. Address any written comments to CCFAC, c/o Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.*



Notable Web Site: <http://www.washingtongrantmakers.org>

Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers is a network of funders, partnering with non-profits and governments, that is committed to improving the region by promoting and support effective and responsible philanthropy. Members include independent foundations, community foundations, operating foundations, charitable trusts, corporate foundations and corporate giving programs. Visit their Grantseeker Resources Center for information on proposal writing and a link to its members' Web Sites with more information on the member's grantmaking program.

DOE Grant "Kick Off": Woodley Hills Elementary and UCM in Partnership

This is Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) Update from our Winter 2001 Edition of the CCFAC News. A Kick Off for the Department of Education (DOE) Community Technology Center Grant at Woodley Hills Elementary School was held February 6, 2002. Participants toured classrooms as 5th and 6th grade students demonstrated using wireless laptops in their daily school and home assignments. The goal of the project is to integrate computer technology into the school curriculum and home environment as a means to an end. By involving the parents, children, school and community the following can be achieved:



- student participants achieve greater academic success by increasing the quality and quantity of positive activities that engage students and their families
- participants and their families will have increased awareness and access to health/human services
- participants' English and information literacy proficiency may be addressed



United Community Ministries (UCM's) Employment Center provides the learning environment and social services resources for the school/community project. To foster the development of a virtual and real world community, Adult Education, Family Literacy and after-school activities are held on site to focus on instruction in technology use, literacy, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). An on-site community services specialist with knowledge of and access to needed social services and community programs works with the families. Other contributors to this collaborative community partnership include:

- U.S. Department of Education Community Technology Centers
- Virginia Office of Community Services
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Fairfax County Department of Family Services/Community Action Advisory Board
- Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services
- George Mason University, Social Work Program
- Woodley Hills Elementary School PTA
- Project Student Families

For more information contact Adrian Vaughn, Director, UCM Employment Center employmentdirector@ucmagency.org, 703-360-9088.

Fairfax County Unveils Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Program

Homeownership is now a greater possibility for many Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority tenants, program participants and others who live or work in Fairfax County thanks to a new program being offered through a partnership between the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), B.F. Saul Mortgage Company and Chevy Chase Bank.

The Downpayment and Closing Cost Assistance Program addresses the needs of many potential homebuyers who have good credit and sufficient monthly income to purchase a home, but lack the savings necessary for downpayment and closing costs.

The program is one of ten initiatives which make up e-ffordable.fairfax!, Through it, downpayment and closing cost assistance will be provided in the form of a second trust mortgage up to \$5,000.

Assistance for the program is being funded through Community Development Block Grant funds in the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan (CDBG) FY 2001 in the amount of \$270,000. B.F. Saul and Chevy Chase Bank will provide first trust financing, underwrite and collect second trust payments and provide homebuyer education.

Eligibility: Participants must be first-time homebuyers or not have owned a home in the past three years; intend to occupy the home purchased as the principal residence; have adequate funds and the credit to qualify for a first trust mortgage loan; have sufficient funds to pay at least one-half of the downpayment required by the lender; have sufficient funds for an earnest money deposit; meet maximum gross household income requirements; and complete a homeownership education course approved by HCD.

For additional information on this program, or to obtain the schedule for the next orientation session, call the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-246-5087.

Calendar Notes

APRIL

April 22, 2002---Board of Supervisors' approval of CCFP Funding Recommendations for FY 2003-2004

April 29, 2002---Board of Supervisors' final action on CCFP FY 2003 Awards

MAY

DECLARED COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

***May 14, 2003---CCFAC meeting,
7:30 p.m.,
Government Center, Rooms 9/10***

Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) Update

The Citizen Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) has been evaluating the 135 proposals submitted in response to the CCFP Request for Proposals for Fiscal Years 2003-2004.

The SAC had thoroughly analyzed each proposal and the needs addressed. CCFP project recommendations by the SAC will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors on April 22, 2002 for their consideration and approval.

CCFP Projects are scheduled for start-up July 1, 2002. Additional information may be found on the CCFP Web Site: www.co.fairfax.va.us/service/ccfp or by calling 703-324-5551.

Homeless Oversight Committee Report & Point-In-Time Report

The Homeless Oversight Committee (HOC) presented its Annual Message to the Board of Supervisors on March 4, 2002. The report included results from the point-in-time (P-I-T) survey of all known homeless persons in the Fairfax-Falls Church community, which was conducted on January 24, 2002.

A total of 2,067 homeless persons were counted, including 782 single individuals and 442 adults with 843 children (1,285 persons) in 356 homeless families. Children account for 41% of all homeless persons identified.

The HOC's major recommendation to the Board is to develop a fourth family shelter in order to reduce the family shelter waiting list and the need to place families in motels.

Community Development Week Observed April 1 through 7, 2002

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, proclaimed the week of April 1, 2002 through April 7, 2002 Community Development Week in Fairfax County. For the past several years, Fairfax County has observed Community Development Week each spring in order to focus attention on the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the many community development and housing activities made possible through this federal grant.

The year 2002 marks the 28th anniversary of the CDBG Program that was enacted in 1974. This year's theme "CDBG: Uniting Communities Across America" supported the message that CDBG must be recognized as a program ensuring economic stability for communities and that its funding should not be cut.

Since 1975, Fairfax County has received more than \$132.5 million in CDBG funds which have been used for the provision of decent affordable housing, neighborhood improvements, revitalization, community facilities, and critical services to benefit thousands of low and moderate income residents, the elderly and disabled.

Over the past few years, CDBG funds have also been used as a significant part of the County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), supporting the provision of housing and community services through community based non-profit organizations. For FY 2003, the County will be receiving \$6,235,000 in CDBG funds.



CCFACT: APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

It is Illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or National Origin

in the sale, rental, advertising, financing, provision of real estate brokerage services, and appraisal of housing; blockbusting is also illegal.

Community Assessment

The final fact sheet on Health Insurance Coverage is now on the Web Site: www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/demogrph/assessment.htm